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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

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The present document contains the provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2003 in section I and the annotations to the provisional agenda in section II.

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I. Provisional agenda

The provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2003 of the Council has been drawn up on the basis of the list of items approved by the Council at its organizational session for 2003 (decision 2003/202).

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   (b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010.

7. Coordination, programme and other questions:

   (a) Reports of coordination bodies;

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(c) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields;

(d) International cooperation in the field of informatics;

(e) Long-term programme of support for Haiti;

(f) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system;

(g) Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS);

(h) Ad hoc advisory group on African countries emerging from conflict;

(i) Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force.

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B.

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(d) Human settlements;

(e) Environment;

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(i) United Nations Forum on Forests;

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions;

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(a) Advancement of women;

(b) Social development;

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(d) Narcotic drugs;

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

(g) Human rights;

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination.

15. Consideration of the request for conversion of the International Civil Defence Organization, an intergovernmental organization with observer status with the Economic and Social Council, to a specialized agency of the United Nations system.

16. Negotiation of an agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization to constitute it as a specialized agency of the United Nations system.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational session for 2003, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its substantive session (decision 2003/202).

In accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the Council (E/5715/Rev.2), should any proposals be submitted for the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda, they will be circulated as soon as they are received, and a supplementary list of items will be issued as an addendum to the provisional agenda.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I, the Council will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2004 of the Council.

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Council

At its resumed organizational session for 2003, the Council decided to include in the agenda of its substantive session of 2003 the applications for observer status of three intergovernmental organizations: the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Council decision 2003/208), and the Common Fund for Commodities (Council decision 2003/213).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2004 of the Council

Letter dated 22 July 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/6)

Letter dated 23 July 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/7)

Letter dated 29 November 2002 from the Managing Director of the Common Fund for Commodities addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/10)

A. High-level segment

2. Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Council will devote the first day of the high-level segment to a high-level policy dialogue with the executive heads of international trade and finance institutions on key issues on the global economy.

The Council, during its resumed substantive session of 2002, decided that the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2003 would consider the following theme: "Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development" (Council decision 2002/309).

The Council will have before it a report of the Secretary-General which analyses the role of rural development in developing countries in poverty eradication and sustainable development and examines how to promote an integrated approach that would contribute to the attainment of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration. The report will incorporate inputs from a number of relevant United Nations organizations, in particular the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme

World Economic and Social Survey, 2003

Relevant part of the report of the Committee on Development Policy on its fifth session on recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Council (Council resolution 2002/36, para.7)

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/201, paragraph 95, the Council will examine the operational activities for development of the United Nations

system in order to evaluate the implementation of the triennial comprehensive policy review of those activities with a view to ensuring its full implementation.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/201 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and addenda thereto

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress on the issue of funding for development cooperation activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 56/201, para. 27)

Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of lessons learned by United Nations funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system from their evaluations at the field level (General Assembly resolution 56/201, para. 56)

Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities (E/2003/CRP.1) (Council resolution 1998/27, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2001 (General Assembly resolution 35/81)

Report of the Secretary-General on the *Human Development Report* (General Assembly resolution 57/264)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

The Council will also have before it the reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme and the report of the Secretary-General on issues arising from the Executive Boards of United Nations funds and programmes, including their overall financial picture, as well as the annual reports of the four funds and programmes (Council resolution 1994/33).

At its fifty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that the implementation of its resolution on the *Human Development Report* is reported on to the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session within the context of the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on its substantive session of 2003 (General Assembly resolution 57/264).

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2002 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2003

Annual reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (E/2003/13)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and its annual session of 2003

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2002 sessions (E/2003/36, Supplement No. 16)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the *Human Development Report*

(c) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries is entrusted with the overall intergovernmental review of technical cooperation among developing countries within the United Nations system. It reports to the General Assembly through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries. The Committee meets once every two years in odd-numbered years (General Assembly resolution 33/134).

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on its thirteenth session (A/58/39, Supplement No. 39)

C. Coordination segment

4. The role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

During its resumed substantive session of 2002, the Council decided on the following theme for the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2003: "The role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits" (Council decision 2002/309).

The coordination segment provides an occasion for the Council to reflect on its role, building on the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Integrated and Coordinated Implementation of and Follow-up to the Outcomes of Major United Nations Conferences and Summits in the Economic and Social Fields, which was established by the General Assembly in accordance with its resolution 57/270.

It its decision 2002/311, the Economic and Social Council requested the Statistical Commission to provide a separate comprehensive report on the work related to chapter VI, section E, of the report of the Commission on its thirty-third session (E/2002/24, Supplement No. 4) and on the basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels, including the report on indicators on means of implementation and to report to it at its substantive session of 2003.

At its organizational session for 1999, the Council invited the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to transmit to the

Council every four years, starting in 1999, a report prepared by the Committee on World Food Security on progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action, highlighting its linkages with the coordinated and integrated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits undertaken by the United Nations system (Council decision 1999/212).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme

Comprehensive report of the Statistical Commission on the work related to chapter VI, section E, of its report on its thirty-third session and on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels, including the report on indicators on means of implementation

Note by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Committee on World Food Security on the progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action, highlighting its linkages with the coordinated and integrated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits undertaken by the United Nations system

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

At its resumed organizational session for 2003, the Council decided that the theme of the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of 2003 of the Council would be:

> "Strengthening of the coordination of United Nations humanitarian assistance, with particular attention to: (a) humanitarian financing and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance; (b) transition from relief to development".

The Council will also hold a panel, within the framework of the theme, on "Responding to the effects of HIV/AIDS and other widespread diseases on humanitarian relief operations" (Council decision 2003/210).

At its fifty-seventh session, in its resolution 57/153, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003, on the progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, including the implementation of and follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolution 2002/32.

In accordance with Council resolution 1983/46, the Secretary-General apprises the Council annually on the status of the assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on further progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

E. General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

Under this agenda item, the Council will consider implementation of and follow-up to selected major United Nations conferences and summits. While the Council's work under this agenda item is guided by the need to promote an integrated and coordinated approach, the focus is on individual conferences. It may be noted that the Council, in its agreed conclusions 2002/1, agreed to avoid addressing the same issues in more than one segment, unless specifically decided. As reiterated in the same agreed conclusions, the Council has carried out each year, at its coordination segment, a review of cross-cutting themes common to major international conferences. In 2003, the theme of that segment is "The role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits".

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council adopted resolution 2002/34 on the follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 to 22 March 2002. In that resolution, the Council, inter alia, affirmed its commitment to contribute to the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/CONF.198/11, chap. I, resolution 1, annex) and decided to promote a coherent and integrated response within the United Nations. To that end, at the resumed substantive session of 2002 or, at the latest, at its organizational session for 2003, the Secretary-General was called upon to provide information on the different follow-up activities undertaken within the United Nations in support of implementation of the Monterrey Consensus.

At its resumed substantive session of 2002, the Council decided to defer its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/57/319-E/2002/85) to its substantive session of 2003 (Council decision 2002/306).

In its resolution 2002/34, the Council also affirmed its commitment to make full use of the dialogue that takes place during its annual spring meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization to address, in addition to general matters of common interest, the issues of coherence, coordination and cooperation related to the follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development.

At its organizational session of 2003, the Council decided that its high-level meeting with representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization would be held at United Nations Headquarters, on 14 April 2003 (Council decision 2003/206). Furthermore, the Council took note of a memorandum dated 24 January 2003 from the Bureau of the Council to the members of the Council, concerning the general parameters of the spring 2003 meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization, as well as the theme of the meeting, "Increased coherence, coordination and cooperation for the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus of the International

Conference on Financing for Development at all levels one year after the Conference" (Council decision 2003/209).

Documentation

President's summary of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/57/319-E/2002/85)

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

In its resolution 57/276, the General Assembly, having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/227 on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/57/496), requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, a comprehensive annual progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010.

At its substantive session of 2001, the Council decided to consider, at a substantive session before 2005, devoting a high-level segment to the review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action and to consider further options for such review and coordination late in the decade (Council decision 2001/320).

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council, having taken note of the oral report of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States on the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, requested the High Representative to submit a comprehensive progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003 and invited all development partners, organizations of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to contribute to that end. The Council also invited the High Representative to consult with Member States on the appropriate format, such as, inter alia, a matrix of achievement, for such a comprehensive report (Council resolution 2002/33).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Comprehensive progress report by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination will submit an annual overview report to the Council (Council resolution 13 (III)), which will provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the United Nations System Chief Executives Board machinery in 2002.

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session (Headquarters, 9 June-3 July 2003) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2002

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session (A/58/16)

(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General will circulate the sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 covering activities in the economic, social and human rights fields. The Council will consider the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget in the light of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the matter, with a view to submitting its own recommendations thereon to the General Assembly (Council resolution 1988/77).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session (A/58/16)

(c) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

The Council will be required to approve its calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2004 and 2005 (Council decision 52 (LVII)).

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2004 and 2005

(d) International cooperation in the field of informatics

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council requested the President of the Council to convene the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics for one

more year, to enable it to carry out, from within existing resources and according to its mandate as set forth in Council resolution 1995/61, its work of facilitating the successful implementation of the initiatives being taken by the Secretary-General with regard to the use of information technology and continuing the implementation of measures required to achieve its objectives and called upon the Secretary-General to report to it at its substantive session of 2003 on the follow-up action taken on the resolution, including the findings of the Working Group and an assessment of its work and mandate (Council resolution 2002/35).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations informatics systems (including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate)

(e) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council took note of the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General (E/2002/56) submitted to it in accordance with Council resolution 2001/25 and requested the Secretary-General, in coordination with the United Nations resident coordinator in Haiti, to report on progress achieved in implementing a long-term programme of support for Haiti, and also requested that the report be prepared for the Economic and Social Council on the basis of developments in Haiti (Council resolution 2002/22).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved in implementing a long-term programme of support for Haiti

(f) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

At its substantive session of 2001, the Council, in its resolution 2001/41, called upon the Secretary-General and all bodies reporting to the Council to address the gender aspects of issues before the Council in their reports and decided to devote the coordination segment of one of its substantive sessions, before 2005, to the review and appraisal of the system-wide implementation of agreed conclusions 1997/2 of the Council on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system.

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it, at its substantive session of 2003, a report on the follow-up to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (Council resolution 2002/23).

At it fifty-seventh session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 57/182, requested the Secretary-General to report annually to the Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on the Status of Women on follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session with an assessment of progress made in mainstreaming a gender perspective within the United Nations system.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (see also under agenda item 14 (a))

(g) Joint United Nations Programmes on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)

At its substantive session of 2001, the Council requested the Secretary-General to transmit to the Council, at its substantive session of 2003, a report prepared by the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), in collaboration with other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, which should include the progress made in developing a coordinated response by the United Nations system to the HIV/AIDS pandemic (Council resolution 2001/23).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)

(h) Ad hoc advisory group on African countries emerging from conflict

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council decided to create a framework for advisory group(s) on African countries emerging from conflict (Council resolution 2002/1).

At its resumed substantive session of 2002, the Council decided to establish an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau, appointed its members and requested it to submit a report on its recommendations to the Council by mid-January 2003 (Council decision 2002/304).

At its organizational session of 2003, the Council, having taken note with appreciation of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau (E/2003/8), decided to extend the mandate of the Group until its substantive session of 2003 (Council resolution 2003/1).

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau (E/2003/8)

(i) Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force

At its resumed organizational session for 2001, the Council, in its decision 2001/210, took note of the report of the Secretary-General (E/2001/7) on the creation of the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force and requested the Secretary-General to establish it, in consultation with the regional groups, as recommended in his report. The report also stated, in paragraph 35, that the ICT Task Force shall submit an annual report to the Secretary-General focusing on the major emerging issues, including recommendations thereon, in the context of

information and communication technologies and that the Secretary-General will report annually to the Economic and Social Council on its work.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council adopted agreed conclusions 2002/1 on further strengthening of the Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role ascribed to it in the Charter of the United Nations, as stated in the Millennium Declaration.

The Council will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of agreed conclusions 2002/1. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 45/264 and 50/227, the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the coordination segment should be followed up at the general segment in the following year.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of agreed conclusions 2002/1 on strengthening further the Economic and Social Council

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Assistance to the Palestinian People. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)).

At its fifty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to it at its fifty-eighth session, through the Council, on the implementation of Assembly resolution 57/147 on the subject.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. At its substantive session of 2002, the Council requested its President to continue to maintain close contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report thereon to the Council; and requested the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the resolution and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 2003 (Council resolution 2002/30). At its fifty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Council to continue to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee, appropriate measures for coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in implementing the relevant resolutions of the Assembly (Assembly resolution 57/133).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

10. Regional cooperation

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations of the regional commissions contained therein. The report will bring to the Council's attention any decisions or recommendations of the regional commissions that statutorily require approval by the Council. A section of the report will deal with the question of "Development dimensions of trade negotiations: a regional perspective" (Council decision 2003/205).

The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions (Council decision 1979/1).

At its substantive session of 2001, the Council requested the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe to continue to take an active part in the follow-up to the project on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar and to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2003 (Council resolution 2001/29).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 2002

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2002

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2003

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2002

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2002-2003

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, through the Council, a report on the implementation of its resolution 2002/31 and to continue to include, in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General

12. Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to its resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31, the Council will consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the work of its 2003 session (Headquarters, 5-23 May 2003) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. At its substantive session of 1995, the Council decided that the Committee should meet annually (Council decision 1995/304).

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the first part of its 2003 session (E/2003/32, Part I)

13. Economic and environmental questions

At its substantive session of 2002, in its agreed conclusions 2002/1, the Council noted that: the outcomes of the functional commissions should be considered in the general segment on the basis of their reports and the consolidated report on their work, which should identify cross-cutting policy issues, gaps/overlaps, areas of complementarity and cooperation, focus on substantive issues and highlight coordination issues requiring the Council's attention within its coordination segment; and that reports of the functional commissions should focus on substantive issues and highlight coordination, coherence and harmonization issues requiring the Council's attention. The consolidated report on the work of the functional commissions in 2003 will be before the Council to help it review the work of the functional commissions.

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional Commissions of the Council (see also under item 14)

(a) Sustainable development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eleventh session (New York, 28 April-9 May 2003). The provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Commission was drawn up in line with the recommendations contained in the Plan of Implementation of the World

Summit on Sustainable Development adopted at the World Summit in Johannesburg on 4 September 2002 (A/CONF.199/20, annex, chap. XI, sect. E, para. 147).

The Council will have before it report of the Committee for Development Policy on the work of its fifth session (Headquarters, 7-11 April 2003).

At its substantive sessions of 2001 and 2002, the Council, in its resolutions 2001/43 and 2002/36, requested the Committee for Development Policy to continue its work on the re-examination of its recommendation to graduate Maldives from the list of least developed countries at its fourth and fifth sessions and to submit a progress report at the substantive session of 2002 and final recommendations to the 2003 substantive session of the Council in the context of the triennial review of the list of least developed countries.

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council requested the Committee, at its fifth session, to examine and make recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2003 of the Council and invited the Chairman and, as necessary, other members of the Committee to continue the practice of reporting orally to the Council on the work of the Committee (Council resolution 2002/36)

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eleventh session (E/2003/29, Supplement No. 9)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session (E/2003/33, Supplement No. 13)

(b) Science and technology for development

At its fifty-sixth session, in its resolution 56/182, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the coordinating role of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in support of efforts by developing countries to benefit from science and technology (A/56/96-E/2001/87), invited the Council to consider, not later than at its substantive session of 2002, ways and means to strengthen the Commission, inter alia, through increasing the frequency of its meetings, including their annualization and through the implementation of the recommendations set out in the report of the Secretary-General, while taking its mandate and budgetary constraints into consideration, and, in that regard, took note of the recommendations of the Commission to the Council that the Commission should meet annually.

In accordance with the above, at its substantive session of 2002, the Council, taking into account the fact that the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development, within its mandate, is the coordinator of science and technology activities within the United Nations system, decided that the Commission should meet annually (Council resolution 2002/37). The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on the work of its sixth session (Geneva, 5-9 May 2003). The provisional agenda for the sixth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2001/308.

At its fifty-seventh session, the General Assembly recalled its resolution 56/183 and welcomed the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society undertaken at the national and regional levels and invited countries to send representation at the highest political level to the Summit and invited the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to submit to the General Assembly for information, at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the preparation for the Summit, which will be held in two phases, the first in Geneva, from 10 to 12 December 2003 and the second in Tunis in 2005 (Assembly resolution 57/238).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its sixth session (E/2003/31, Supplement No. 11)

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society

(c) Statistics

The Council will consider the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fourth session (New York, 4-7 March 2003) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2002/298.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fourth session (E/2003/24, Supplement No. 4)

Comprehensive report of the Statistical Commission on the work related to chapter VI, section E, of its report on its thirty-third session and on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels, including the report on indicators on means of implementation (also see under item 6 (a)). (Council decision 2002/311)

(d) Human settlements

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its nineteenth session (Nairobi, 5-9 May 2003).

At the fifty-sixth session, in its resolution 56/206, the General Assembly decided that the Governing Council should meet biennially and report to it through the Economic and Social Council.

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its substantive session of 2003 a report on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council resolution 2002/38).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its nineteenth session (A/58/8, Supplement No. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda

(e) Environment

The Council will review the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session, which was held in Nairobi from 3 to 7 February 2003. In so doing, the Council will consider only specific recommendations contained therein that require action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the coordination aspect of the work of the Governing Council. The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme reports to the General Assembly through the Council (Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I, para. 3). The Governing Council meets every two years in odd-numbered years (Assembly resolution 53/242).

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session (A/58/25, Supplement No. 25)

(f) Population and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Population and Development on the work of its thirty-sixth session (New York, 31 March-4 April 2003). The provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2002/299.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-sixth session (E/2003/25, Supplement No. 5)

(g) Public administration and development

At its resumed substantive session of 2001, the Council, in its resolution 2001/45, established the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (previously named the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance) as a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council. It was also decided that the Committee shall meet biennially. The Committee held its first session at Headquarters from 22 to 26 July 2002.

At its resumed substantive session of 2002, the Council, in its resolution 2002/40, stressed the need to strengthen national public sector administrative and managerial capacity-building, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition. The Council also welcomed the recommendations of the Committee concerning the directions of the United Nations Programme on Public Administration and Finance, in particular the recommendations that future work of the United Nations on public administration should devote priority assistance to the special needs of Africa and that it be supportive of the initiatives undertaken in the context of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (A/57/304, annex). In the same resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General to endeavour to hold a session of the Committee in 2003 within existing resources and decided to review at

its substantive session in July 2003 the request of the Committee that it meet annually.

At its organizational session of 2003, the Council decided to approve the holding of the second session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration in New York from 7 to 11 April 2003, as well as its provisional agenda. In that context, the Council recalled its resolution 2002/40 of 19 December 2002 and urged the Secretariat to make efforts to meet the expenditures from within existing resources (Council decision 2003/207).

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its second session (E/2003/44, Supplement No. 24)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

The Secretary-General reports to the Council on the progress of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters following each of its meetings (Council resolution 1980/13). The eleventh meeting of the Group of Experts, which was to be held at Headquarters from 7 to 11 April 2003, was rescheduled to meet in Geneva from 10 to 14 November 2003. Accordingly, the Council will have the report of the eleventh meeting before it at a later date (Council decision 2003/214).

Documentation

No advance documentation

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

The Council will have before it the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its third session (Geneva, 26 May-6 June 2003). The provisional agenda for the third session of the Forum was approved by the Council in its decision 2002/301.

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its third session (E/2003/42, Supplement No. 22)

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

At its fifty-seventh session, the General Assembly took note of the decision of the Council, in its resolution 2000/32, to continue consideration of the question of assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions; invited the Council, at its organizational session for 2003, to make appropriate arrangements for this purpose within its programme of work for 2003; and decided to transmit the most recent report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter related to the assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/57/165 and Add.1), together with the relevant background materials, to the Council at its substantive session of 2003 (Assembly resolution 57/25).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/57/165 and Add.1)

Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

(k) Cartography

The Council will have before it report of the Secretary-General on the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (Council decision 2000/230)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (E/2003/4)

(l) Transport of dangerous goods

At its resumed substantive session of 2001, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to it in 2003 on the implementation of its resolution 2001/34 and on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolution 2001/44).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolutions 2002/34 and 2001/44)

(m) Women and development

For the consideration of this sub-item, the Council will have before it relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (Council resolution 1987/24 and Assembly resolution 42/178).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (E/2003/27, Supplement No. 7)

14. Social and human rights questions

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2003 so as to assist the Council in its review of functional commissions reports (see annotations on the report under chapeau of item 13) (Council agreed conclusions 2002/1).

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council (see also under item 13)

(a) Advancement of women

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (New York, 3-14 and 25 March 2003). The provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2002/236.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women shall report annually on its activities to the Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council called upon its subsidiary bodies to intensify their efforts to mainstream gender perspective in their work and to continue their efforts to address gender perspectives in relation to the thematic issues of their multi-year programmes of work or in relation to annual themes. The Council invited its Bureau to consider, during meetings with the bureaux of its subsidiary bodies, progress made and obstacles encountered in gender mainstreaming; encouraged the President of the Council to consider, during meetings with the Chairpersons of its subsidiary bodies, enhanced coordination in the area of gender mainstreaming across the Council and its subsidiary bodies and requested the Secretary-General to submit to it, at its substantive session of 2003, a report on the follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (Council resolution 2002/23).

At its fifty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report annually to the Assembly, the Council and the Commission on the Status of Women on follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the Assembly with an assessment of progress made in mainstreaming a gender perspective within the United Nations system, including by providing information on key achievements, lessons learned and best practices, and to recommend further measures and strategies for future action within the United Nations system (Assembly resolution 57/182).

The Council will have before it the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its twenty-third session. The Institute functions under the authority of a Board of Trustees, which reports annually to the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (E/2003/27, Supplement No. 7)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/58/38)

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (see also under item 7 (f))

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

(b) Social development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-first session (New York, 10-21 February 2003). The provisional agenda for the forty-first session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2002/237.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (Assembly resolution 57/164).

At its fifty-sixth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-eighth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, a report on the findings and recommendations based on the review and appraisal, including a report on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century (Assembly resolution 56/115).

At its fifty-seventh session, in its resolution 57/265, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to request the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 2003, a progress report on the measures taken for the operationalization of the World Solidarity Fund and to ensure that the implementation of its resolution on the "Establishment of the World Solidarity Fund" is reported on to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session under the item entitled "Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)".

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-first session (E/2003/26, Supplement No. 6)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (E/CN.5/2003/6)

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (A/58/61-E/2003/5)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operationalization of the World Solidarity Fund

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twelfth session (Vienna, 13-22 May 2003). The provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2002/238.

At its fifty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to finalize at its twelfth session the programme for the Eleventh Congress and to make its final recommendations, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to ensure the proper follow-up to the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and to report thereon to the General Assembly through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twelfth session (Assembly resolution 57/171).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twelfth session (E/2003/30, Supplement No. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

(d) Narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-sixth session (Vienna, 8-15 April 2003). The provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2002/240.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 2002.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-sixth session (E/2003/28, Supplement No. 8)

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2002 (E/INCB/2002/1)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reports annually to the General Assembly through the Council, in conformity with paragraph 11 of the statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex).

At its fifty-first session, in 1971, the Council decided that the report of the High Commissioner should be transmitted to the General Assembly without debate, unless the Council decided otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time of the adoption of its agenda (Council resolution 1623 (LI), sect. II).

At its fifty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa to the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session and to present an oral report to the Council at its substantive session of 2003 (Assembly resolution 57/183).

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003), as requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 16 of its resolution 48/91.

The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolutions 55/84 and 57/195.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

(g) Human rights

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-ninth session (Geneva, 17 March-24 April 2003). The report of the Commission is expected to include its response to General Assembly resolution 57/234, in which the Assembly decided to keep the situation of human rights in Afghanistan under consideration at its fifty-eighth session, in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Council.

The Council will have before it the general comments of the Human Rights Committee. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) entered into force on 23 March 1976. The complete report of the Committee is submitted to the Assembly pursuant to Council decision 1985/105.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions (Geneva, 29 April-17 May and 11-29 November 2002).

The Council will also have before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Assembly resolution 48/141).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-ninth session (E/2003/23, Supplement No. 3)

Report of the Human Rights Committee

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions (E/2003/22, Supplement No. 2)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council will have before it the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its second session (New York, 12-23 May 2003). The provisional agenda for the second session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues was approved by the Council in its decision 2003/_____.

At its substantive session of 2001, the Council requested the Secretary-General to seek information from Governments, non-governmental organizations, indigenous people's organizations, the Permanent Forum and all existing mechanisms, procedures and programmes within the United Nations concerning indigenous issues, including the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, as a basis for holding the review mandated in paragraph 8 of Council resolution 2000/22, as soon as possible and not later than the Council's substantive session of 2003 (Council decision 2001/316).

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council requested the Secretary-General to make available the information requested in paragraph 8 of its resolution 2000/22 of 28 July 2000 and paragraph (e) of its decision 2001/316 of 26 July 2001, at least six weeks before its substantive session of 2003, without prejudging any outcome, in order for the Council to conclude at that substantive session the review of all existing mechanisms, procedures and programmes within the United Nations concerning indigenous issues, including the Working Group on Indigenous Population, with a view to rationalizing activities, avoiding duplication and overlap, and promoting effectiveness (Council decision 2002/286).

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its second session (E/2003/43, Supplement No. 23)

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of all existing mechanisms, procedures and programmes within the United Nations concerning indigenous issues

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

At its substantive session of 2001, the Council, guided by the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and the other relevant international human rights instruments, recalled Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/71 on the question of human rights and bioethics, acknowledged the importance of advances in genetic research, which has led to the identification of strategies for early detection, prevention and treatment of diseases and requested the

Secretary-General to bring its resolution on "genetic privacy and non-discrimination" to the attention of all Governments and relevant international organizations and functional commissions, in order to collect the information and comments received pursuant to it, and to submit a report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 2003 (Council resolution 2001/39).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

15. **Consideration of the request for conversion of the International Civil Defence Organization, an intergovernmental organization with observer status with the Economic and Social Council, to a specialized agency of the United Nations system**

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council decided to defer action on this item until a later date (Council decision 2002/233).

Documentation

Letter dated 19 July 2001 from the Secretary-General of the International Civil Defence Organization addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2002/4)

16. **Negotiation of an agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization to constitute it as a specialized agency of the United Nations system**

At its substantive session of 2002, the Council authorized its President to appoint, from among States members of the Council, in consultation with the Chairmen of the regional groups, the members of the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies. It requested the Committee to meet at an appropriate time to negotiate with the World Tourism Organization a relationship agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization, on the basis of proposals submitted by the Secretary-General. It further requested the Committee to submit a draft relationship agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization for the Council's consideration at its substantive session of 2003 (Council resolution 2002/24).

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies